

Southworth House
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SOUTHWORTH HOUSE
Near Newtown, King and Queen County, Virginia

Owner: Mr. Southworth

Date of erection: Late eighteenth century

Present condition: Fair

Description:

The house is of brick, laid in Flemish bond, and is a story and a half high above a high basement. The roof is gabled, with inside end chimneys. The verge has been blocked out 12 inches or so from the wall. The front and rear are of five bays with center doors. The sash is nine-over-nine lights. The three shed dormers centered on the roof have four-over-four sash.

In plan there is a center hall with one room on either side. An interesting feature of the interior is the basement stair, which is built of heavy string pieces into which the treads are slotted as in a ship's companionway. The soffit of the stair is sheathed in, to prevent dirt from falling into the closet beneath.

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